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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After Final Amendment filed November 7, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-15, 17-20, 22-33, and 42.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims **2-15, 17-20, 22-33, and 42** are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a. With regard to independent **claims 4 and 23**, the prior art of record fails to sufficiently describe or suggest a method or system for locating stolen vehicles and preventing vehicle theft wherein a plurality of independently powered signal emitting devices are camouflaged among various parts of the vehicle. A plurality of signal receivers are placed at a plurality of locations in a geographical area for receiving signals from the plurality of signal emitters and are connected via a network to a central database storing vehicle registration information. At least one signal emitter initiates the transmission of information from the vehicle to the readers and at least one of the readers receives the information and correlates the information with information in the database to determine if the vehicle has been reported stolen. Further, each of one of the plurality of signal emitting devices operates at a varying signal strength. Examiner interprets camouflage as the method or result of concealing equipment from an enemy by making them appear to be part of the natural surroundings; concealment by disguise or protective coloring.

b. Regarding independent **claims 7 and 8**, the prior art of record does not fairly teach or suggest an method for locating a stolen vehicle and preventing vehicle theft wherein a plurality of independently powered signal emitting devices are camouflaged among the various parts of the vehicle. The prior art does not

teach that camouflaging may comprise color matching the signal emitting device with a part in which the device is to be placed or emulating a vehicle component on which the device is to be placed.

c. As for independent **claim 42**, the prior art of record fails to sufficiently describe or suggest a method for locating a stolen vehicle wherein a plurality signal emitting devices are camouflaged among various parts of a vehicle and initiate communication with a plurality of readers connected to a network and wherein the readers are fixed at a specific location and periodically verify the fixed location to ensure that the readers have not been moved.

These along with further limitations set forth by the claims and the depending claims render the application allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. Please renumber claim 4 to be claim 1. Claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 should depend on the renumbered claim 1 and should be numbered 2-5 respectively. Likewise, Claims 9-15 should depend on renumbered claim 1 and should be renumbered as 8-14. Claims 17-20 should depend on renumbered claim 1 and should be renumbered as 15-18.
- b. Please renumber claim 7 to be claim 6.
- c. Please renumber claim 8 to be claim 7.
- d. Please renumber claim 23 to be claim 19. Claim 22 should depend on renumbered claim 19 and should be renumbered as claim 20. Claims 24-33 should depend on renumbered claim 19 and should be renumbered as 21-30.
- e. Please renumber claim 42 to be claim 31.

### ***Conclusion***


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric M. Blount whose telephone number is (571) 272-2973. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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